

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 868

| | |
|--|---|
| HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | |
| RECEIVED | |
| DATE: | 04 JUL 2016 |
| TIME: | 9:05 am |
| BY: |  |
| REGISTRATION UNIT BILLS AND INDEX SERVICE | |

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On April 12, 2004, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Proclamation No. 602 declaring as eco-tourism park and campsite a certain parcel of land of the public domain located in Barangay Lubigan and Moriones in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Tarlac.

This bill seeks the reclassification of the aforementioned parcel of land into agricultural land open to disposition under the provisions of the Public Land Act. The reclassification of the land previously declared as eco-tourism park and campsite into disposable agricultural land aims to develop and promote sustainable economic development and tourism in the area, encouraging the people to use, develop, manage, protect and conserve the environment and natural resources and cultural heritage of Tarlac.

The reclassification is intended to stimulate private investments in the area such as eco-tourism resort, parks, hotels, stores and restaurants. This increase in economic and tourism activities would result to better jobs and higher income for the people in the area, and would hopefully result to better conservation, preservation and enhancement of the natural resources and cultural heritage in the eco-tourism park and campsite.

Such increase in economic and tourism activities would be very beneficial for a landlocked province such as Tarlac, the primary economic activity being dominantly agricultural and fish production. The increase in tourism activities will surely complement any decline in agricultural activities caused by current industrialization trend in the country, redounding to the benefit of Tarlac and nearby provinces.

In view of the foregoing consideration, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



VICTOR A. YAP
Representative, 2nd District of Tarlac

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 868

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

AN ACT

RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PUBLIC LAND ACT", AS AMENDED, THE LAND EMBRACED IN PROCLAMATION NO. 602 DATED APRIL 12, 2004, DECLARING AS ECO-TOURISM PARK AND CAMPSITE PURPOSES A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN BARANGAYS LUBIGAN AND MORIONES, INCLUDING A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BARANGAY IBA, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. A portion of the land embraced in Proclamation No. 602 dated April 12, 2004,
2 declaring as eco-tourism park and campsite purposes a certain parcel of land of the public domain
3 situated in Barangays Lubigan, Moriones and Iba in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Tarlac,
4 is hereby reclassified as agricultural land open to disposition under the provisions of the "Public
5 Land Act", as amended, which portion is more particularly described as follows:

6 Beginning at a point marked "1" being, N 31°52'49" W, 387.86 meters from TRC-75 (PRS'
7 92 Control Point: Latitude 15°26'10.48243", Longitude 120°25'47.36798"), Barangay Lubigan, San
8 Jose, Province of Tarlac:

| | | | |
|--------|--------------|---------|----------------------|
| thence | N 21-48-19-E | 71.848 | meters to corner 2; |
| thence | S 82-45-12 E | 69.367 | meters to corner 3; |
| thence | S 7-23-35 E | 43.108 | meters to corner 4; |
| thence | S 8-44-15 W | 55.646 | meters to corner 5; |
| thence | S 2-8-56 E | 69.174 | meters to corner 6; |
| thence | S 25-5-9 E | 62.799 | meters to corner 7; |
| thence | S 88-12-16 E | 87.762 | meters to corner 8; |
| thence | N 49-43-51 E | 188.356 | meters to corner 9; |
| thence | N 3-15-45 E | 31.301 | meters to corner 10; |
| thence | N 28-30-54 W | 76.392 | meters to corner 11; |
| thence | N 2-45-26 W | 57.817 | meters to corner 12; |
| thence | N 62-42-27 E | 58.338 | meters to corner 13; |
| thence | N 7-27-49 E | 99.72 | meters to corner 14; |
| thence | N 82-6-41 W | 166.671 | meters to corner 15; |
| thence | N 59-26-34 W | 63.435 | meters to corner 16; |
| thence | N 19-33-45 W | 75.084 | meters to corner 17; |
| thence | N 43-8-9 W | 59.44 | meters to corner 18; |
| thence | N 63-59-8 W | 85.785 | meters to corner 19; |

| | | | |
|--------|--------------|---------|----------------------|
| thence | N 76-37-29 W | 20.707 | meters to corner 20; |
| thence | N 27-23-57 W | 1.987 | meters to corner 21; |
| thence | N 50-16-0 E | 243.55 | meters to corner 22; |
| thence | N 20-56-59 W | 229.704 | meters to corner 23; |
| thence | N 67-4-59 E | 411.414 | meters to corner 24; |
| thence | S 5-20-22 W | 116.47 | meters to corner 25; |
| thence | N 80-12-32 W | 50.761 | meters to corner 26; |
| thence | S 32-19-15 W | 26.477 | meters to corner 27; |
| thence | S 11-33-12 E | 46.186 | meters to corner 28; |
| thence | S 23-34-42 E | 48.281 | meters to corner 29; |
| thence | S 42-20-15 E | 29.255 | meters to corner 30; |
| thence | S 57-34-4 E | 37.12 | meters to corner 31; |
| thence | S 69-43-21 E | 0.161 | meters to corner 32; |
| thence | S 43-40-4 E | 41.912 | meters to corner 33; |
| thence | S 57-27-22 W | 0.326 | meters to corner 34; |
| thence | S 35-2-57 E | 24.178 | meters to corner 35; |
| thence | S 5-44-23 E | 42.965 | meters to corner 36; |
| thence | S 3-26-15 W | 28.927 | meters to corner 43; |
| thence | S 37-19-35 E | 91.015 | meters to corner 42; |
| thence | S 59-25-50 E | 53.335 | meters to corner 41; |
| thence | S 15-35-50 E | 48.408 | meters to corner 40; |
| thence | S 64-16-1 W | 33.684 | meters to corner 39; |
| thence | N 80-21-7 W | 25.359 | meters to corner 37; |
| thence | N 55-57-11 W | 59.835 | meters to corner 38; |
| thence | N 46-36-55 W | 40.763 | meters to corner 44; |
| thence | N 86-42-16 W | 32.616 | meters to corner 45; |
| thence | S 40-8-11 W | 43.655 | meters to corner 46; |
| thence | S 0-58-36 W | 57.758 | meters to corner 47; |
| thence | S 8-12-39 E | 39.278 | meters to corner 48; |
| thence | S 70-10-9 E | 62.271 | meters to corner 49; |
| thence | N 87-12-40 E | 56.52 | meters to corner 50; |
| thence | N 82-50-45 E | 53.195 | meters to corner 51; |
| thence | N 84-2-27 E | 103.544 | meters to corner 52; |
| thence | N 72-29-12 E | 43.615 | meters to corner 53; |
| thence | N 79-50-10 E | 71.545 | meters to corner 54; |
| thence | S 88-56-51 E | 47.633 | meters to corner 55; |
| thence | S 78-9-12 E | 39.577 | meters to corner 56; |
| thence | S 70-13-18 E | 41.516 | meters to corner 57; |
| thence | S 11-39-10 W | 99.647 | meters to corner 58; |
| thence | S 39-2-8 E | 252.064 | meters to corner 59; |
| thence | N 88-27-7 E | 195.863 | meters to corner 60; |
| thence | S 33-1-26 W | 252.452 | meters to corner 61; |
| thence | S 38-8-48 E | 188.099 | meters to corner 62; |
| thence | S 51-11-25 E | 30.733 | meters to corner 63; |
| thence | S 20-22-53 W | 0.403 | meters to corner 64; |
| thence | S 74-17-56 W | 39.262 | meters to corner 65; |
| thence | S 4-54-9 W | 36.383 | meters to corner 66; |
| thence | S 51-24-13 E | 61.715 | meters to corner 67; |
| thence | S 72-10-5 E | 56.331 | meters to corner 68; |
| thence | S 75-41-13 E | 54.101 | meters to corner 69; |
| thence | S 88-59-52 E | 32.164 | meters to corner 70; |
| thence | S 51-11-24 E | 205.555 | meters to corner 71; |
| thence | S 51-48-59 W | 434.637 | meters to corner 72; |
| thence | N 61-53-55 W | 395.305 | meters to corner 73; |
| thence | N 39-37-41 W | 173.319 | meters to corner 74; |
| thence | N 71-45-44 W | 284.75 | meters to corner 75; |
| thence | S 86-24-0 W | 382.99 | meters to corner 76; |
| thence | N 48-5-44 W | 570.048 | meters to corner 77; |

| | | | |
|--------|-------------|--------|----------------------|
| thence | S 88-21-0 E | 279.13 | meters to corner 78; |
| thence | N 7-19-0 W | 49.698 | meters to corner 79; |

1 the point of beginning, containing an area of 120.00 hectares, more or less.

2 SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall issue a free
 3 patent to any Filipino applicant and shall give priority to the candidate who has continuously
 4 occupied or cultivated, or has paid real estate taxes for the tract of land applied for, while the land
 5 has not been occupied by any other person, for at least three (3) years prior to the approval of this
 6 Act, not to exceed twelve (12) hectares for each qualified applicant: Provided, That prior to the
 7 disposition of any parcel of land to individual applicants, the DENR shall segregate, alienate or
 8 reserve appropriate areas, consistent with the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the
 9 "Public Land Act", as amended; Republic Act No. 730, entitled: "An Act to Permit the Sale Without
 10 Public Auction of Public Lands of the Republic of the Philippines for Residential Purposes to
 11 Qualified Applicants Under Certain Conditions": Provided, further, That the identification of areas
 12 for public and quasi-public purposes shall be undertaken jointly with the concerned government
 13 agencies or local government units: Provided, finally, That the title over tracts of land for public and
 14 quasi-public purposes shall be in the name of the Republic of the Philippines, except the area
 15 actually used, developed and managed by the provincial government for eco-tourism and campsite
 16 purposes, which shall be titled in the name of the Province of Tarlac.

17
 18 SEC. 3. The area described in Section 1 of this Act is hereby excluded from the coverage of
 19 Section 16, areas needed for forest purposes of Presidential Decree No. 705 or the "Revised
 20 Forestry Code of the Philippines", as amended: Provided, however, That the removal of timber and
 21 other forest products and utilization of other natural resources in the parcel of land shall be subject
 22 to existing forestry and other environmental protection laws, rules and regulations: Provided,
 23 further, That the twenty (20)-meter protection zone along the banks of any river or stream, which
 24 has a width of at least fifty (50) meters, shall be surveyed and delineated by the DENR on the
 25 ground and shall retain their classification as forestland, prior to disposition of any parcel of
 26 agricultural land to private applicants.

27
 28 SEC. 4. Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DENR Secretary shall
 29 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation. The provisions of
 30 the "Public Land Act" pertaining to the distribution of public lands and issuance of land titles,
 31 insofar as they are not inconsistent herewith, shall apply.

32
 33 SEC. 5. If any section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not
 34 affect in any manner the other parts of this Act.

1 SEC. 6. Presidential Proclamation No. 602 dated April 12, 2004 is hereby repealed. All other
2 laws, decrees, proclamations or issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
3 hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

4
5 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
6 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7
8 Approved,